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## DISCLOSURE ADVISORY

For the person named above, whom the People may call as a witness, please be advised of the following:

- The New York City Police Department has a pending investigation into the conduct of Detective Josh Ulan. It is alleged that between June 12 and 13, 2019, while assigned to the Manhattan Special Victims Squad, the detective wrongfully and without just cause made a computer inquiry which did not relate to official business of the department, wrongfully disseminated an official department photograph to a reporter without permission or authority; and during an official department interview conducted pursuant to the provisions of patrol guide section 203-08, wrongfully made false statements regarding his communications with multiple media reporters. The NYPD Internal Affairs Bureau ("IAB") interviewed Det. Ulan five times regarding the above allegations. During those interviews, the detective admitted to having accessed a particular person's arrest photo on June 13, 2019, the date of that person's arrest, but maintained that he did not disclose, leak, share, or reveal that photograph to or with anyone, including the press. During his second interview with IAB, Det. Ulan was questioned about two phone calls with reporters the night before the person's arrest, totaling twenty-five minutes in length. Det. Ulan stated in substance that he did not know either reporter and had no recollection of the conversations. During his third interview with IAB, Det. Ulan admitted that he knew one of the reporters and had spoken with him in the past. He stated in substance that he had last spoken with that reporter sometime in 2015, and did not recall contacting him or speaking with him after that. When confronted with a call that he had placed to this same reporter's phone number on June 12, 2019, which lasted approximately fifteen minutes, Det. Ulan stated, in substance, that he had no recollection of the conversation and could not explain why the call had been placed.
- 2. The Civilian Complaint Review Board (CCRB) did deem substantiated allegations that Officer Ulan, on November 28, 1997, did wrongly frisk an individual, search and rummage through the individual's car, leaving the individual's personal belongings in disarray, and his car keys on the street. Officer Ulan further failed to complete the necessary police paper work required when a frisk is conducted. On November 28, 1997, Officer Ulan and another officer were riding in a patrol car, and pulled over a vehicle containing two male civilians. The officers told the men they were pulled over for not wearing a seat belt. Officer Ulan's partner ordered, and then required, the passenger to get out of the car. That officer drew his gun. Officer Ulan ordered the driver out, frisked him, and then, without proper authority, searched the car and the trunk. Officer Ulan took items from the pocket on the side of the door, and left them on the seat. He left the keys to the car on the street. After the CCRB substantiated the allegation, it was forwarded to the New York Police Department, which held a trial on the charges. Officer Ulan was found not guilty of the allegations.

- 3. The New York City Police Department deemed substantiated an allegation that Det. Ulan, on or about March 14, 2012 failed to request permission from the police department to visit an inmate at the Manhattan Center of Detention prior to making the visit. In addition, the NYPD deemed substantiated that Det. Ulan did wrongfully conduct personal business while on duty, in that he went to visit the above-mentioned inmate. Det. Ulan did also improperly and without cause make inquiries in the NYPD FINEST system, which was not related to official business. It has also been substantiated that Det. Ulan failed and neglected to maintain his police department activity log as required, and that the officer did also leave the confines of his assigned command, while on duty, without permission of a supervisor, and failed to notify the desk officer of his whereabouts. It was also deemed substantiated that Det. Ulan failed to make a proper memo book entry regarding this visit, misused time, and failed to notify a supervisor about the above activities, Det. Ulan plead guilty to all the charges related to his conduct on March 12, 2012 at a departmental hearing.
- 4. The New York City Police Department (NYPD) has deemed substantiated an allegation that on August 1, 2011, Det. Ulan violated minor police procedures.
- 5. The New York City Police Department deemed substantiated an allegation that on December 18, 2012, Det. Ulan failed to notify a supervisor.

Various publicly available websites and databases contain disciplinary information for certain law enforcement officers. Information in such databases about this officer is not necessarily included in this advisory.

Any information herein regarding civil lawsuits against an officer is not necessarily a complete list of civil lawsuits in which that officer is a defendant.

Allegations of misconduct that have not been substantiated and are not pending (including, but not limited to, findings of unsubstantiated, unfounded, and exonerated) are not subject to disclosure and are not included in this advisory.

The People reserve the right to oppose or move to limit the use of any information included herein or disclosed in the future.

If you have any questions, please contact the Assistant District Attorney assigned to the case on which you are receiving this advisory.

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